2. Rs. 4,800 under "2-A-2-Farm Operations—Casual Labour"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move an additional allotment of Rs. 4,800 under "2-A-2-Farm Operations—Casual Labour". In view of the prevailing high wages of workmen the casual labour charges in the Central Farm have increased much. Moreover various new operations in the Central Farm such an extensive cultivation of plantains, fruit trees, etc. are being worked out. Under the circumstances an additional allotment of Rs. 4,800 is necessary. So, I request that the House to grant this allotment.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the rate of casual labour being paid.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The expenditure was increasing every day. They were paid at the discreation of the Director. Seven annas to women workers and one rupee for men.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It was said in this House that agriculture labour has increased by the last two year to Rs. 2-8-0 and how the farm gets labourers for 6 annas to 12 annas.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are trying our level best to retrench without deteriment to the department.

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 719 under "2-C-Veterinary—P. C. R"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move an additional allotment of Rs. 719 under "2-C-Veterinary—P. C. R." An amount of Rs. 1,125 is required for P. C. R. Works in the Veterinary Department. It is possible to transfer an amount of Rs. 406 from the amount of Rs. 1,800 provided under "2-A-Agricultural Department—P. C. R." for P. C. R. works of the Veterinary Department. The balance amount of Rs. 719 has to be met by additional allotment, as savings are not expected under other items. Under these circumstances I request that the additional allotment applied may be granted.

Demand put and carried

4. Rs. 50 under "2-C-Veterinary—Service Labels"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move an additional allotment of Rs. 50 under "2-C-Veterinary—Service Labels" The amount of Rs. 200 provided in the budget under "2-C-Veterinary—Service Labels" is found insufficient in view of the increased correspondence consequent on the bifurcation of the Veterinary Department from the Agricultural Department. So I request that the additional allotment applied may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

5. Rs. 4,000 under "2-C-Veterinary—Medicines"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move an additional allotment of Rs. 4,000 under "2-C-Veterinary—Medicines". The amount of Rs. 13,000 provided under this head for the current year is found insufficient on account of the frequent outbreaks of cattle diseases. It is proposed to purchase a refrigerator for stocking serum and accine required for cattle innoculation. An additional allotment of Rs. 4,000 is necessary under the above head to meet the additional expenditure required. I request that this additional allotment may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

6. Rs. 2,000 under "3-Panchayats-A—Administration-Pay, Dearness Allowance, etc.,"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move an allotment of Rs. 2,000 under "3-Panchayats-A-Administration—Pay, Dearness Allowance, etc.". With the bifurcation of the Department of Panchayats from Public Health, the Panchayat Department has been given no executive staff to supervise the administrative activities of Panchayats and to audit their accounts. The Panchayat Overseers, five in number are exclusively a set of engineering technical staff who have heavy works in connection with the execution and supervision of the engineering works in the Department. They cannot be expected to do any other works and they have no time to do it. In recent years the Panchayats have been given additional powers in the execution of works Departmentally by them, in the maintenance of avenue trees and in stocking and sale of manure to the ryots even on credit if necessary, the transactions of which require the

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